

AERC BOD phone meeting minutes 1/08/07

1- Housekeeping

Roll Call and excusals – Kathleen Henkel:

In Attendance: Stagg Newman, Mike Maul, Nick Warhol, Patti Pizzo, Mike Jaffe, Jennifer Nice, Connie Caudill, Joyce Mocilan, Joe Long, Jan Stevens, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John H. Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Kim Fuess, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Dinah Rojek, Mike Tomlinson, Kathleen A. Henkel

Also in Attendance: DAL elects: Randy Eiland, Heidi Smith. Guests: Vonita Bowers, Kathy Brunjes.

Excusals in advance from tonight's meeting : Barry Waitte, Stan Eichelberger, Jerry Fruth.

Formal excusal from the Dec 4th meeting: Mike Tomlinson, Dinah Rojek

Stagg welcomes the new Directors At Large elected: John Crandell, Heidi Smith, Randy Eiland. Randy and Heidi are on the call.

2- Membership Statistics:

Kathleen Henkel : 3632 members today, 3444 this time in 2006. 299 new members so far in 2007, up from 253 this time in 2006.

3- Approval of minutes:

- Midyear Board meeting. Roger T: still waiting for insurance information as part of the sanctioning process, and would like the minutes to reflect that. Minutes approval will be tabled until the next meeting. Roger will develop the correct wording, circulate, and the minutes can be updated. Motion to table the minutes until the next meeting, motion passes.
- Nov 6th meeting minutes: A typo needs to be fixed: 2005 members 6563, not 6863. Mike M requests an adjustment of the minutes. Motion passes with the one change.
- December 4th meeting minutes- motion for approval, motion passes.

4- Committee Reports: BOD Members should have read all written committee reports prior to the call.

The following committees have brief oral reports and/or Motions to Present:

1. AERC-International Committee – Kathy Brunjes reports on the primary meeting held on Dec 18th. There was an introduction of Vonita Bowers as the new USEF endurance director. The January issue of EN includes a press release on the Ztec team challenge ride. Selection procedures for international competition are outlined in an article. The convention meetings for the International group were planned. Vonita Bowers gave a summary of the USEF Endurance summit. Critical issues were discussed: the structure of the USEF, roles and

- responsibilities, how to move forward, and how to become the best endurance country in the world. The focus was on things to do to become successful at the international level: Training, vetting, conditioning, etc. Vonita reports that the meeting was very successful. Vonita will prepare a written summary for the membership to be published in EN and on the web site.
2. Convention Committee – Robert Ribley reports that the convention signups may be a little lower than normal at this point, but Kathleen reports that many people wait until the last minute. Vendors- 42 slots filled to date, a little ahead of last year. 35 slots left. The Friday and Saturday special hands on talks and concert - signups look good so far.
 3. Education Committee – Dinah Rojek reports on the research about young horses being able to do endurance. The answer is no, there is not a lot of research done to date that would back up our current horse age limitations. The “Beyond the Basics” material is almost ready for CD production.
 4. Membership Committee – Jan Stevens reports on the progress in the membership group. 300 new members would be a lot to put in EN at one time. Jan asks for feedback and suggestions on the membership drive and for a new sponsor for the new member discount program.
 5. Sanctioning Committee – Susan Kasemeyer requests a special sanctioning approval. The Big South Fork ride as a pioneer, sept 6/8, second year approval is required. A quick poll is done by the Sanctioning committee- no problems or concerns found. Motion from committee raised- motion passes.
 6. Sponsorship Committee – Barry Waitte (deferred to next meeting as Barry is not available)

5-Other Old Business: (currently none)

6-Other New Business:

- Election of Officers at 2007 Convention. At this time: For President there are two candidates: Mike Maul and Roger Taylor. For Vice President, one candidate: Connie Caudill. For Secretary, one candidate: Nick Warhol. For Treasurer, one candidate: Patti Pizzo. Stagg Newman requests that any candidates who are going to run need to get their name in front of the board by the end of January to allow time for questions and information.
- Report on Visit to AERC Office – Stagg Newman visited the office in Auburn and reported on his visit. It is good to get to the office to really appreciate how and what excellent work the office staff does.
- Kathleen reads a letter from Debbie Collins from the BLM on the status of the mustang horses being used in the Santa Fe ride: The BLM has decided not to use the horses in the endurance portion of the event. They can be used in the pony express demo portion of the event. Roger describes the post office/Pony Express simulation event that will utilize some of the mustangs.

7-Executive Session: The Non directors and Director elects drop off the call for the executive session.

8-Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm PST.